GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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EXPORT OF IRON ORE
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to reduce export of iron ore from the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether steel companies of China have decided to put a check on import of iron ore from India;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to boost the export of iron ore?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a)&(b) No, Sir.

(c)&(d) Government is not aware of any decision of Chinese steel companies to put a check on the import of iron ore from India.

(e) Government permits export of iron ore with iron content upto 64% without canalization.While export of iron ore with more than 64% iron content is canalized through MMTC Ltd., Government permits export of iron of iron ore fines with more than 64% iron content against licence by by private mine owners/leaseholders.